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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT OF POSSIBLE US VISIT TO PYONGYANG

REF: SEOUL 5900 (NOTAL)

1. CHUNGYANG ILBO AUGUST 5 CARRIES FRONT PAGE REPORT FROM TOKYO CITING SANKEI STORY THAT KIM IL-SONG PREPARED TO RECEIVE US DELEGATION IN PYONGYANG. SANKEI STORY, FILED FROM WASHINGTON, CLAIMED INVITATION TO US HAD BEEN PASSED BY KIM TO DIET MEMBER UTSUNOMIYA. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO DISCUSS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PEACE AGREEMENT. REPORT SAID KIM ALSO READY TO DISCUSS WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS FROM ROK AND THAT KIM WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ON TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL.

2. CHUNGYANG ALSO CARRIES STORY CITING SANKEI WASHINGTON DISPATCH SAYING US CARRYING ON "ACTIVE CONTACTS" WITH NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. REPORT SOURCED TO MEMBER OF MIKI DELEGATION WHO GOT INFORMATION FROM JAPANESE DIET MEMBER RECENTLY IN PYONGYANG.

COMMENT: DESPITE SPATE OF ARTICLES ON ALLEGED US-NK CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD SO FAR ONLY ONE INQUIRY (FROM ROK JOURNALIST) AS TO VALIDITY OF RUMORS. OUR GUESS IS THAT, WHILE KOREANS MIGHT  
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BE SUSPICIOUS ABOUT REPORTS OF LOWER-LEVEL CONTACTS, THEY DO

NOT GIVE MUCH CREDENCE TO STORIES OF US MEETINGS WITH KIM  
IL-SONG OR OF PROJECTED VISITS BY US OFFICIALS TO PYONGYANG.  
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